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SUBJECT: HONG KONG TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS

1. ALEC HERMANN TELEPHONED YESTERDAY TO RELAY GOV'T OF HONG KONG VIEWS RESPECTING POSSIBLE U.S. IMPOSITION OF RESTRAINTS IN CATEGORIES SUBJECT TO EXPORT AUTHORIZATION. HERMANN SAID HONG KONG WOULD AGREE TO NEGOTIATION OF RESTRAINT WHENEVER A "RESPECTABLE" CASE COULD BE MADE. IN OTHER CASES HONG KONG RECOGNIZED U.S. RIGHT TO IMPOSE A RESTRAINT BUT WOULD VIEW SUCH IMPOSITION AS "DE FACTO OBJECTIONABLE" REGARDLESS OF LEVEL OF RESTRAINT. HONG KONG WOULD DECIDE ON AD HOC BASIS WHETHER TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHT TO APPEAL TO TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE BODY. HERMANN CONFIRMED THAT IN HONG KONG VIEW NO RESPECTABLE CASE FOR RESTRAINT EXISTS IN CATEGORIES 234, 235, 238, 120, 122, AND 124.

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2. AS REPORTED IN FOUTS - BREW TELCON, HERMANN ALSO ADVISED THAT HONG KONG BELIEVES APPLICABLE RESTRAINT LEVELS FOR CURRENT AGREEMENT YEAR, BASED ON EARLIER DISCUSSIONS, WOULD BE 3.081 MILLION DOZEN PAIR FOR CATEGORY 39 AND 586,816 DOZEN FOR CATEGORY 228.

3. HERMANN ALSO SAID HONG KONG WISHED TO RELEASE DETAILS
OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT AS SOON AS HONG KONG DECIDED TO RATIFY
IT. DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID U.S. WOULD CONSIDER THIS
REQUEST BUT THAT NORMAL U.S. PRACTICE WAS TO WITHHOLD DETAILS
UNTIL NOTES WERE EXCHANGED. VANCE

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